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SUBJ: SUDANESE/ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS IN LIGHT MIDEAST CRISIS

1. KNOWLEDGEABLE ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR DAWIT ABDOU TOLD ME OCT 20 THAT GOS "INDIRECTLY" PRESSURING IEG BREAK RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, BUT THAT HE DOUBTED IEG WOULD DO SO. ABDOU REFERRED SUDANESE REQUEST USE MASSAWA FOR PORTION THIS COUNTRY'S TRADE (KHARTOUM 2206) AND SAID HE EXPECTED IEG RESPONSE WOULD BE POSITIVE. SUDANESE HAVE ALSO ASKED IF THEY MIGHT PROCURE PORTION THEIR PETROLEUM REQUIREMENTS FROM ETHIOPIAN REFINERY. ABDOU OPINED IEG WOULD PROBABLY HAVE LITTLE SURPLUS BUT ADDED GOS CLEARLY WORRIED LEST SUDANESE PORT AND REFINERY FACILITIES PORT SUDAN MIGHT BE VULNERABLE SOME PUTATIVE ISRAELI ATTACK. HE DID NOT INDICATE SUDANESE INTEREST USING MASSAWA TRANSIT MEN/MATERIAL TO MIDEAST WAR ZONE.

2. COMMENT: GOS SENSITIVITY ITS UMBILICAL TO OUTSIDE WORLD VIA PORT SUDAN NO DOUBT ENHANCED BY CONCERNS RE CONCEIVABLE ISRAELI ACTIONS IN EVENT CURRENT HOSTILITIES PROVE PROTRACTED.

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